Trains linking Delhi and Mangalore

601. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the heavy traffic and demand from the public, the number of trains linking Delhi and Mangalore are few;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a few more super-fast trains on this section; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) At present 2431/2432 Nizamuddin-Trivandrum Rajdhani, 2617/2618 Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Express and 6687/6688 Jammu Tawi-Mangalore (weekly) trains are serving Delhi-Mangalore sector.

(c) and (d) Introduction of additional trains between Delhi and Mangalore is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Use of plastic tumbler, cups and carry bags

†602. SHRI BALAWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of plastic tumbler, cups and carry bags used by vendors has been banned in the trains;

(b) if so, whether despite that they are being used at every railway station and pantry-car openly;

(c) whether any provision exists to take action against such vendors; and

(d) if so, the number of vendors against whom action has been taken?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.